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*Demonstrative Proofs, that Lieutenant Col. Charteris hath by False Musters, and other Unwarrantable Practices, Defrauded the Queen and Publick of 12 l. 5 s. 3 d. every Week since he bought his Company.*

**N**O Person or Persons can be more competent Judges of the Strength of Colonel Charteris's Company, than the Serjeants who paid it, paraded it, and ordered the real Duty-Men to mount Guard in their Turn; for to them the Colonel always left the entire Management of the Effectives, reserving to himself that of the Non-Effectives, commonly call'd Faggots.

The Two eldest Serjeants, *Williams* and *Pitman*, who paid the Company successively, and who knew the Name, Person, and Quarters of every real Duty-Man belonging to it; have prov'd before the Honourable Committee, that the Queen allow'd and paid Colonel Charteris's Four Shillings per Week Subsistence, for each of 65 Private Men, besides 5 Servants; and that he never allow'd Subsistence to, or had more than 18 Effective Men in his Company. So that every Week the Colonel put the Pay of the 27 Faggots, which compleated his Muster, clear into his own Pocket.

	l.	s.	d.
Which comes to ————	5	8	0 per Week.
The Discount of 27 Faggots at 1 s. 10 d. each per Week—	2	9	6
Nine-Pence per Week extorted from some Victualling- House for the Quarters of each Faggot ————	1	0	3
Twenty-seven Half-Crowns to Excuse the Faggots from Duty ————	3	7	6
Total per Week certain to the Col. over and above his Pay and honest Profits ————	12	5	3

Besides, the Colonel has Forty Shillings Bounty-Money for each Faggot: For when he Lifts a Man *fairly*, as he calls it, *i.e.* when he Defrauds the Queen and Publick in Form, he Orders the Forty Shillings Bounty-Money, and Four Shillings for the First Weeks Subsistence, to be paid the Faggot, before Witnesses, and the Articles of War to be gravely read over to him: But as soon as all the Ceremonies requir'd, to cheat the Faggot's Creditors, and to elude the Intent of the Law, are perform'd, the Colonel takes care, by a Third hand, to get back the above 44 Shillings from the Faggot.

The Colonel has likewise the Benefit of the Cloaths and Arms of the 27 Faggots.

At every Draught out of the Company, the Colonel exacts 5 l. at least from each Faggot, from some more, according to their Abilities, for excusing them from going to *Flanders*: If they abscond, he threatens to Try them as Deserters, to squeeze more Money out of them. By which Management some Faggots are worth him 20 l. the poorest of the 27 worth him at least 10 l. a Year, over and above their Pay, which he Sinks.

It can be prov'd, that since Colonel Charteris bought the Company, which is but 18 Months ago, he has had 43 Faggots from time to time, and receiv'd Bribes for Protecting them: For some Faggots have Compounded with their Creditors in two, some in three Months after they were Lifted; then they pay for their Discharge, and so a fresh Faggot is taken in.

If this Practice be not a false Muster, Col. Charteris can't deny, but that 'tis a very flagrant Abuse, attended with many heavy Oppressions and Inconveniences.

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Without any  
such Extortion  
the Colonel may  
live very  
handsomely on  
the Queen's  
Pay, which is  
16 s. 6 d.  
per Day.



1. 'Tis a great Hardship and Loss to the 38 Effectives, to be forced to do the Duty of 70. Whereas if the Company was compleat, and every Man did his own Duty, the Men, who have Families to Maintain, would have more time to get Bread for them by their Trades or Labour.

2. 'Tis a double Cheat upon the Government: For Her Majesty and Subjects are not only defrauded of the above Sums, but are also disappointed upon any sudden Enterprize in the Number of Fighting-Men: For instead of 70, which She pays, She will find but 38 in that Company fit to march upon Service.

It is probable the Colonel may say, That if such an Occasion had happen'd, he would have obliged the Faggots to march. To which it's answer'd, That besides their being generally broken Tradesmen, and no way us'd to Exercise or Discipline; Some of them live in *Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Buckinghamshire, &c.* And others, through Age or Infirmary, unfit for the Service: For when a Faggot is taken in for Protection, it matters not whether he be Blind, Old, or Lame; so he has 5 or 10 *l.* to give the Colonel, he will pass Muster.

Serjeant Cook and George Kemble are the only Witnesses the Colonel produced to extenuate the above, or any other material Facts prov'd against him: But in *Hurly's Answers to Charteris*, there has been so much said to invalidate their Testimonies, that 'twou'd be superfluous to trouble the Reader with a Repetition. Yet he is pray'd to observe, That this same Serjeant Cook is the Person, who ran away from a Lieutenancy, (for which he was taken up for a Deserter) to accept of a Serjeant's Post and a Golden Halbert from Col. *Charteris*; and who declared to the Committee, that he kept indeed a Pay-Book for the Company, but that he cut out the Leaves, and gave them to his Colonel. As for Kemble, that he was one of the first Witnesses produced against *Charteris*; and declared to the Committee, That the Colonel desired him to find out any broken Tradesmen or Others, that wanted it; and that he would protect them from their Creditors. But the green Purse has since made him change Sides, and joyn with Cook in Affidavits in the Colonel's behalf, which can be prov'd from his own Hand-writing, and by several Persons of good Repute, to be utterly false.

It's therefore humbly Submitted, what Value ought to be put upon his and Cook's Testimonies in the Colonel's favour.

12 *l.* 5 *s.* 3 *d.* per Week  
clear in Colonel *Char-*  
*teris's* Pocket by *Falfe*  
*Musters, &c.*